Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—

Name of allowance.	*Reasons for giving allowance.*
(a) (1) Duty allowance is given to the Parvathiams of the following villages.— Mattancheri, Ernakulam, Nadamel, Chowwara, Irinjalakkuda, Trichur and Cheruthuruthy	For work in connection with the arrangements for the entertainment of State Guests, Members of the Ruling Family, etc.
(2) Local allowance is given to the Parvathiams and Menons of the following villages.— Kozhipadi, Moolathura and Pothundy.	On account of the feverish nature of the places.

(b) Masapadies attached to the villages referred to in (a) (2) above are also given local allowance for the same reasons as in (a) (2).

(c) Please refer to the answers to (a) and (b).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Do the Parvathiams and Menons who are given allowances live in their respective villages?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—My information is that they live.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—For the information of the House I may say that they are not living.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—If instances are pointed out to me, I shall be glad to take action.

Memorial of Assistant Surgeons.

81. Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether the Assistant Surgeons of the Medical Department submitted a Memorial to the Diwan recently;

(2) if so, what are the requests contained in the Memorial;

(3) what action has the Government taken on the Memorial;

(4) has the Chief Medical Officer's remarks been called for on their requests;

(5) if so, will the Government be pleased to place a copy of his report on the table?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) Yes.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

(a) To remove the preference given to those with European qualification for promotion to the Civil Surgeon's post, to keep their seniority in tact by removing the discriminating increment now given to Assistant Surgeons with European qualifications, to raise their annual increments so as to enable them to reach the maximum within five years and to raise the pay and status of Assistant Surgeons to that of a District Munsiff.

(3) It is under the consideration of the Government.

(4) Yes.

(5) The report is confidential and cannot therefore be placed on the table.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether the information published by some of the local papers that the opinion of the Surgeon-General is taken in this matter is correct? If the correspondence is not confidential I shall be glad to know it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Surgeon-General's opinion is not taken. We have addressed him to know what the practice and rules there are.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I suppose you are taking it with an idea to see that it is worth following.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not for his opinion. It is only to know the practice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are remarks of Heads of Departments on questions like this generally treated as confidential? In this particular case, the Chief Medical Officer's remarks are treated as confidential.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is very difficult to answer a question like that. That would vary. Some reports would be published and some cannot be published. That is left to the discretion of the Government. We cannot have a hard-and-fast rule in the matter. It must vary with the circumstances

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are there any particular reasons for treating this report as confidential?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The reason is that it cannot be published. What else can I say? If I go on dilating, it is as good as publishing the report.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon—Have not the Government promised to refer the matter to the Surgeon-General?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have done it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Did you get a reply?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Circular prohibiting officers from approaching Council Members with their grievances.

82. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued a cir-

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly